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WITH DAMPED MICROACTUATOR

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## **AMENDMENT**

Box Fee Amendment Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2002.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

The paragraph beginning on Page 5, line 7 of the application should be replaced with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The electrically-driven microactuator 13 can be of any suitable type and is preferably an electromagnetic microactuator in which the movable portion of the microactuator is driven by electromagnetic forces. More preferably, the microactuator 13 is an electrostatic microactuator in which the movable portion of the microactuator is driven by electrostatic forces. Such electrostatic microactuator 13, in general, has similarities to the microactuators disclosed in U.S. Patent Nos. 6,329,737, 6,384,510, 6,469,415 and 6,333,584, the entire content of each of which is incorporated herein by

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